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1. Soviet views on London talks on Germany--US Ambassador Douglas in London transmits the following account of an interview between the chairman of the UK delegation to the talks on Germany and the Soviet Ambassador in London: (a) when informed of the terms of the six-power agreement on western Germany, the Soviet Ambassador immediately replied on the basis of prepared notes that the USSR could not regard as legal any decisions reached on Germany without Soviet participation; and (b) the Soviet Ambassador declared that as a result of this action the US, the UK, and France would "bear the whole responsibility for splitting Germany, for wrecking the agreement on the Control Council, for the elimination of the Council of Foreign Ministers, as well as for the consequences of such a policy." According to Douglas, the French representative in London recommended that the USSR be promptly advised that "the door remains open" for the Soviet Zone to join the western German organization. The French representative believes that such a reply would assist the Schuman Government in the forthcoming Assembly debate on German policy. Douglas indicates that he agrees with the British Foreign Office view that no direct reply should be made at this time.
2. US to urge De Gaulle to support London agreement--The Department of State has suggested that a member of US Embassy Paris impress upon one of De Gaulle's close advisers the international importance of French approval of the London agreements on western Germany. The Department doubts that De Gaulle is aware of the implications for over-all French security of continued resolute and united action by the three western powers. The Department suggests that De Gaulle be advised that the failure of France to approve the agreements would have serious repercussions on US public opinion, offer dangerous encouragement to the USSR, and benefit only the Communists.

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